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AMENDMENT

Box Non Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 24, 2000, the initial period for response to which is set to expire on August 24, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12, 45 and 47 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Thrice amended) A sample separation apparatus, comprising:

a substrate [including a material] comprising at least one of silicon, gallium arsenide, and indium phosphide; and

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